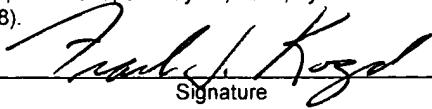


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
MICHAEL WEILAND et al.)	
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Serial No. 10/620,732)	Group: 3663
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Title: METHOD OF REPRESENTING)	Examiner:
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Filed: July 16, 2003)	

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF
NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed April 25, 2008. According to the Notification, Section IV - Status of Amendments in Applicant's Appeal Brief was incorrect because it stated that an amendment had been filed subsequent to the final rejection, but that no amendment had been entered. The Notification further stated that the entire brief need not be resubmitted, but only the defective section.

On May 19, 2008, the undersigned spoke to Examiner To by telephone to discuss this Notification. The undersigned explained that the Appeal Brief was accompanied by an amendment to correct minor errors in the drawings and therefore, an amendment had been filed subsequent to the final rejection. Examiner To acknowledged that an amendment to correct the drawings had been filed with the Appeal Brief. However, Examiner To stated that because the amendment did not amend any of the claims the Appeal Brief should state that no amendment had been filed subsequent to the final

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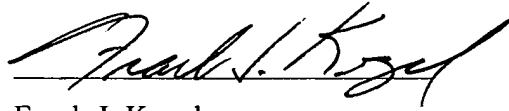
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rejection. The undersigned indicated that he would change the statement in Section IV of the Appeal Brief in accordance with Examiner To's instructions. Accordingly, accompanying this submission is a revised copy of page 2 of Applicant's Appeal Brief with the statement in Section IV changed to state that no amendment has been filed subsequent to the final office action.

Applicant submits that this response fully addresses the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed April 25, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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(3) STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 are pending.

Claim 13 was withdrawn by the Examiner.

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,902,350 (“Tamai”).

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 have been appealed.

(4) STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

No amendment was filed subsequent to the final rejection.

(5) SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Appellant’s independent Claim 1 relates to a method for representing lanes with a road database (60 in FIGS. 2 and 3; page 5, lines 25-29). The method of Appellant’s Claim 1 includes the step of storing in the road database (60 in FIGS. 2 and 3; page 5, lines 25-29) data representations (90 in FIG. 3; page 8, lines 6-11) of physical road lanes (18, 20, 22, 24, 28, 30 and 34 in FIG. 1; 122 in FIG. 5; page 4, lines 13-24; page 11, lines 6-20). The method of Appellant’s Claim 1 also includes the step of associating with each data representation (90 in FIG. 3; page 8, lines 6-11) of a physical road lane (18, 20, 22, 24, 28, 30, and 34 in FIG. 1; 122 in FIG. 5) two types of data. These two types of data include (1) data indicating start and end points (START PT and END PT in 90 in FIG. 3; page 8, lines 6-11) of the represented physical road lane, and (2) data (140 in FIG. 3; page 12, lines 1-16) indicating what linearly extending physical features (FIG. 5) are